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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on March 10, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Chas Vincent, Chair (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Pat Christian, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 38, 3/6/2017; HB 110, 3/6/2017; HB 337, 3/6/2017; HB 498, 3/10/2017

00:01:02 Chair Vincent turned the chair over to Sen. Welborn and left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 38

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:30 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 38, Revise allowable harvest volume for certain state land timber harvest.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:33 Sonya Germann, Trust Land Management Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

EXHIBIT(nas50a01)

00:05:35 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association

00:06:52 Dan Stusek, Office of the Montana State Auditor, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:48 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:08:37 Rep. Curdy

00:08:43 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:09:27 Ms. Germann, DNRC

00:10:53 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:11:12 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division

00:11:50 Sen. Connell

00:13:37 Ms. Germann

00:14:21 Sen. Connell

00:14:41 Ms. Germann

00:15:07 Sen. Connell

00:15:16 Sen. Fielder

00:15:44 Ms. Germann

00:16:06 Sen. Fielder

00:16:18 Ms. Germann

00:16:36 Sen. Fielder

00:16:46 Ms. Germann

00:17:03 Sen. Fielder

00:17:52 Ms. Germann

EXHIBIT(nas50a02)

00:19:33 Sen. Hinkle

00:19:50 Ms. Germann

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:19 Rep. Curdy

HEARING ON HB 110

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:21:49 Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 110, Revise laws for filing of exempt water right claims.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:58 Abigail St. Lawrence, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association

00:34:09 Krista Lee Evans, Senior Water Rights Coalition

00:35:15 Sen. Phillips left the meeting.

00:36:49 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

00:38:27 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association, Montana Cattle Women

00:40:32 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association

00:41:31 Julia Brown, Montana Water Court

00:43:56 Lorents Grosfield, citizen

00:46:47 Jan Langel, Water Resources Division operations manager, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

00:50:26 Sen. Ankney entered the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:03 Sen. Fielder

00:55:33 Rep. Hamlett

00:57:48 Sen. Fielder

00:58:08 Rep. Hamlett

00:58:13 Sen. Fielder

00:58:56 Rep. Hamlett

Closing by Sponsor:

01:00:02 Rep. Hamlett

HEARING ON HB 337

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:01:12 Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 337, Require water reservation report by 2026.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:04:28 Millie Heffner, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:04:49 Sen. Pomnichowski
01:05:09 Ms. Heffner, DNRC
01:05:28 Sen. Pomnichowski
01:06:15 Rep. Hamlett
01:07:16 Sen. Pomnichowski
01:07:34 Ms. Heffner
01:08:23 Sen. Pomnichowski
01:08:43 Ms. Heffner
01:08:54 Sen. Fielder
01:09:38 Ms. Heffner
01:09:49 Sen. Fielder

Closing by Sponsor:

01:09:58 Rep. Hamlett

HEARING ON HB 498

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:11:13 Sen. Hinkle presented for Rep. Jon Knokey (R), HD 65, opened the hearing on HB 498, Extend sunset provision for unlocking public lands program.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:13:44 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(nas50a03)

01:16:46 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association and Montana Cattle Women
01:17:57 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
01:19:15 Nick Gevock, conservation director, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
01:19:57 Colin Cooney, Montana Trout Unlimited

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:20:32	Sen. Fielder
01:21:12	Mr. Gevock, MWF
01:21:57	Sen. Fielder
01:22:43	Mr. McDonald, FWP
01:23:40	Sen. Fielder
01:24:02	Mr. McDonald

Closing by Sponsor:

01:24:24	Sen. Hinkle
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:27 PM

Pat Christian, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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